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domestic violence program

UNSEEN SIGNS

GABBY PETITO

In August 2021, Gabby Petito, a 22-year-old travel vlogger with a bright future and a passion for helping others, went missing while on a cross-country road trip with her fiancé. Her story gained national attention and sparked crucial conversations about domestic violence, missing persons protocols, and the warning signs that are too often missed.

FEATURING

JIM SCHMIDT

Gabby Petito's Bonus Dad,
Co-Founder & Secretary of the
Gabby Petito Foundation

RETIRED FIRE CAPTAIN / EMT

Jim Schmidt is a nationally recognized trainer and subject-matter expert in domestic violence response, providing specialized training to law enforcement, prosecutors, first responders, and multidisciplinary professionals nationwide on coercive control, relational strangulation, lethality indicators, warning signs, trauma-informed response, and early intervention. His specialized first-responder training provides practical tools for identifying high-risk domestic violence, strengthening documentation, assessing risk, and improving coordinated response across disciplines.

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FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING

UNSEEN ADVOCATES HELPS POLICE, FIRE, EMS AND OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS IDENTIFY SUBTLE SIGNS OF COERCIVE CONTROL AND DOMESTIC ABUSE.

CPTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT APPROVED

PERSONAL INSIGHTS

Jim shares his family's retrospective look at missed red flags in Gabby's relationship to help professionals spot similar danger dynamics.

SYSTEM REFORMS

Advocates for legislative improvements—like better adult missing persons alerts and refined police response protocols during domestic disputes.

SUPPORTING A MISSION

The Gabby Petito Foundation strengthens the missing-persons response nationwide by providing practical resources to families and law enforcement, supporting evidence preservation and investigative coordination, and partnering with missing-person advocacy organizations to improve communication, support investigations, and help bring missing loved ones home.

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